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1. SCIATT HAS RECEIVED LETTER FROM BRIG PEDRO IGNACIO GARRO, DIRECTOR GENERAL FOR RESEARCH & DEVELOPMENT (DIGID), ARGENTINE MIN OF DEFENSE, ASKING OUR ASSISTANCE IN THEIR EFFORTS TO EXPLORE FUTURE POSSIBILITIES IN FIELD OF ELECTRONICS UNDER EXISTING SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNICAL COOPERATION AGREEMENTS.

2. DIGID REQUESTS CONSIDERABLE MATERIAL OF FAIRLY GENERAL NATURE IN ELECTRONICS FIELD AS FOLLOWS:

A. INFORMATION ON GOVERNMENTAL PLANS: RESEARCH, DEVELOPMENT, AND PROMOTION; INDUSTRIAL ELECTRONICS, AUTOMATION; CAPITAL ELECTRONIC GOODS.

B. ELECTRONICS IN GENERAL: INFORMATION ABOUT INSTITUTES AND/OR PRIVATE COMPANIES WHICH FACE STUDIES OF TRENDS AND/OR FUTURE MARKETS; AT LEAST ADDRESSES, IN ORDER TO SOLICIT DATA.

C. STATE RESEARCH: PLANS AND PROGRAMS OF STATE RESEARCH

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(OR WITH STATE FINANCING) ON ELECTRONIC DEVICES AND SEMI-

CONDUCTOR MATERIAL.

D. RESOURCES: RESOURCES ASSIGNED TO ELECTRONIC MATERIAL AND DEVICES ACCORDING TO POINT "C".

E. DOCUMENTATION (REPORTS): DOCUMENTATION IS REQUIRED ABOUT THAT SPECIFIED IN POINT (C).

F. SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY: NAME OF ORGANIZATIONS DEDICATED TO SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY PLANNING.

G. TECHNICAL ARTICLES: ARTICLES WHICH INDICATE A RETROSPECTIVE ANALYSIS, PRESENT OR FUTURE, RELATIVE TO COMPUTER "HARDWARE", ITS PERIPHERALS, MEMORY ELEMENTS, INTERCONNECTION ELEMENTS, AND ASSEMBLED FUNDAMENTAL LOGIC CIRCUITS AND ITS TECHNOLOGY, ETC.

H. PRODUCTION: APPROX VOLUME OF BILLINGS FOR COMPUTER LINES (CPU'S AND PERIPHERALS); HISTORICAL ANALYSIS AS FEASIBLE AND FUTURE PREDICTIONS.

I. KNOWLEDGE ON INDUSTRIAL STRUCTURE OF: ELECTRONICS IN GENERAL; ELECTRONIC MATERIALS AND DEVICES; COMPUTERS; INDUSTRIAL ELECTRONICS.

J. INDUSTRIAL ELECTRONICS: PLANS AND PROGRAMS FOR STATE RESEARCH (WITH FINANCING FOR SOME); RESOURCES ASSIGNED; DOCUMENTATION (REPORTS), OF WORK ACCOMPLISHED; TECHNICAL ARTICLES: PRODUCTION.

3. IN MEETING WITH GARRO, SCIATT NOTED THAT IMPLEMENTATION AGREEMENT FOR DEFENSE R&D RELATED MATTERS WAS UNDER STUDY IN WASHINGTON. HE ALSO NOTED THAT ABOVE DIGID REQUEST WAS EXTREMELY GENERAL AND COMPREHENSIVE AND WOULD INVOLVE A VERITABLE "MOUNTAIN" OF MATERIAL. WITHOUT FURTHER SPECIFICITY, HE QUESTIONED WHETHER THIS WOULD BE USEFUL TO DIGID AND SUGGESTED THAT BETTER COURSES WOULD BE EITHER (A) FOR DIGID TO OBTAIN SOME EXPERT ADVICE FROM ONE OR MORE EXPERT CONSULTANTS IN THE FIELD; OR (B) FOR DIGID TO SEND ITS PEOPLE INVOLVED IN THIS STUDY TO THE US FOR DISCUSSIONS WITH USG DEFENSE AND OTHER OFFICIALS, BUSINESS FIRMS, AND TO VISIT LIBRARIES TO LOOK FOR ARTICLES AND TECH INFO OF SPECIFIC INTEREST TOWARD DIGID'S CONCERNS.

4. GARRO DID NOT RULE OUT THE ABOVE SUGGESTIONS, PARTICULARLY (A) UNDER 3. FURTHER, HIS STAFF DID NARROW DIGID'S APPROACH SOMEWHAT BY INDICATING A SPECIAL INTEREST IN LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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HAVING REPLIES TO 2(B) AND 2(C).

5. SCIATT IS ACKNOWLEDGING RECEIPT OF GARRO'S LETTER AND PROVIDING SOME INFORMATION RELATIVE TO 2(F).

6. ACTION REQUESTED: CONSIDERATION OF DIGID'S REQUEST BY DEPT AND DOD WITH VIEW TO FURTHER EARLY DISCUSSIONS HERE ON THIS MATTER, PERHAPS DURING FORTHCOMING VISIT OF COL.

THOMAS. DEPT AND/OR DOD REACTIONS IN ADVANCE OF THOMAS VISIT
ALSO WOULD BE WELCOME.
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